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Dear Mrs. Warren:

Thank you for taking the time to look up all of the information on John D. Currie. This additional information certainly helps me add to Mr. Currie's fascinating life. He was a very interesting person and certainly was a solid citizen in Camas. He also had a strong desire to help kids grow up the right way. I can still remember my days as a Scout and our trips to a wilderness camp in the Sierra Nevada mountains of California. Your photos of Camp Currie brought back some fond memories of my youth!

I have included a copy of the of the 13th Minnesota Infantry Regiment's service record from the Spanish American War. It gives you an idea of the conditions that John Currie served in during the war. I also included a copy of John Currie's service record from the same account. I "translated" it, as the abbreviations are sometimes hard to figure out.

This information came from the book "Minnesota in the Spanish American War and the Philippine Insurrection" and was published by the "Publications of the Minnesota War Records Commission". I was able to locate a copy in the Doe Library at the University of California - Berkeley campus. It is a restricted volume and my daughter who is a graduate student there was able to make me a copy as a Father's Day gift.

As you requested, I have also included a photograph of me with John Currie's gun. It is a Colt New Army Model of 1894 revolver that had John Currie's name and unit engraved on the butt. This was an Anniversary gift from my wife. She bought it for me for my Colt revolver collection. I was able to trace it through the Colt Fire Arms Manufacturing Company's historical unit to San Francisco. The gun was originally shipped to the Company's San Francisco outlet a few weeks before the 13th Minnesota arrived in San Francisco to ship out to the Philippine Islands. I initially traced John Currie through the Minnesota National Guard and historical unit. I managed to find a listing on a website about the Spanish American War with John Currie's address from the units 51st reunion in 1949. That's how I was able to trace him to Camas. You know the rest of the story.

You mentioned your husband was a trap shooter. I was never very good with a shotgun with birds on the wing. I have hunted upland game with my dad while he was living and I